

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: TILT ADJUSTING TYPE STEERING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1           3. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering  
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a  
3 buffer member is interposed between slide-abutting  
4 surfaces, abutting on and sliding on each other, of said  
5 gear pressing lever and of said operator lever.

1           4. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering  
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the

3 handle portion of said operator lever is disposed farther  
4 away from the center of the sway of said operator lever  
5 than the slide-abutting surface.

1 6. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering  
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein  
3 said operator lever is molded of a non-ferrous metal or a  
4 synthetic resin.

1 9. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering  
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a  
3 proximal side end portion of said gear pressing lever is  
4 supported in a swayable manner on a lower side of said  
5 rear column member,

6 a proximal side end portion of said operator lever  
7 is supported in the swayable manner on a side surface of  
8 said rear column member, a middle portion thereof abuts  
9 on said gear pressing lever, and a front side end portion  
10 thereof is bent as a handle portion and thereafter  
11 extended up to a lower part of said rear column member,  
12 and

13 said operator lever, when swayed in back-and-forth  
14 directions of the vehicle, interlocks with and sways said  
15 gear pressing lever in the back-and-forth directions of  
16 the vehicle.